

REMARKS

Applicant acknowledges the indication that claim 5 contains allowable subject matter. Claims 3-7 are pending. The Abstract has been amended. Claim 3 has been canceled. Claim 5 has been placed into independent form, where the subject matter of claim 3 has been incorporated therein. No new matter has been added by way of this amendment. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

By the foregoing amendments, claim 5 has been placed into independent form, where the subject matter of the independent claim 3 has been incorporated into claim 3. Since this claim was indicated as containing allowable subject matter, as noted previously, Applicant submits that all claims of record in this application are now allowable.

Based on the foregoing, this application should be in condition for allowance. Early passage of this case to issue is therefore respectfully requested. However, if there are any questions regarding this Response, or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this would expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

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Respectfully submitted,

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